

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
1685 E Street, Fresno, CA 93706

PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

Consideration of Adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements and Time Schedule
Order

(National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit)
for

**KRAFT FOODS, INC.
VISALIA PLANT
TULARE COUNTY**

Kraft Foods, Inc., owns and operates a milk processing plant at 715 North Divisadero Street in Visalia. As part of the operation, non-contact cooling water from the initial cooling cycle for three cottage cheese process starter tanks and from evaporation pump seals is discharged to Mill Creek, a water of the United States. The Regional Board will consider renewal of NPDES Permit No. CA0081256, which includes new effluent limitations for total residual chlorine. The proposed Time Schedule Order includes a time schedule to comply with the new limitations.

A **formal** public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Regional Board meeting which is scheduled for:

DATE: 20 and 21 October 2005
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Dr #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-6114

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of Central Valley Regional Board
- Kraft Foods, Inc.

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Board no later than **19 September 2005**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item must submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Regional Board no later than **19 September 2005**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **19 September 2005** will not be accepted and

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will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Regional Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

Anyone having questions on the proposed Kraft Foods, Inc., permit renewal (NPDES Permit No. CA0081256) should contact Matt Scroggins at (559) 445-6042. Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Regional Board's Internet website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/tentative/>. Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Regional Board's office at 1685 E Street, Fresno, California, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and is available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_laws/. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_meetings/mtgprocd.html or by contacting any one of the Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

LOREN J. HARLOW, Assistant Executive Officer

17 August 2005